DEPARTMENT OF TOXICS SUBSTANCE CONTROL REGISTERED ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSOR NEWSLETTER - NOVEMBER 2006

Hello REAs!

In this issue of the REA E-News, we provide news and links to information on upcoming events that may be of interest to you.

Please contact us with any comments or ideas you have about the REA E-News (what you like and do not like), the REA Program in general, or suggestions on how we can better assist you. Your input is very important to us. Our e-mail address is REA Mailbox@dtsc.ca.gov. Note: We use Pacific Time for upcoming events.

REA PROGRAM NOTICE

The Registered Environmental Assessor Program advises Registered Environmental Assessor I (REA I) and Registered Environmental Assessor II (REA II) holders of the following:

Registration as an REA I or an REA II is not a substitute for licensure as a professional engineer or a professional geologist. The California Department of Consumer Affairs Board for Geologists and Geophysicists and the Board for Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors are authorized to take disciplinary actions for the unlicensed practice of Geology or Engineering and acts of professional negligence, fraud, or other violations of statute. Should either board take actions against an REA I or REA II, the individual shall be subject to a fact finding review by Registered Environmental Assessor Program staff and be subject to revocation of the REA registration.

For more information regarding unacceptable practices, please contact the Board of Geologists and Geophysicists (http://www.geology.ca.gov) or the Board of Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors (http://www.dca.ca.gov/pels/).

REA CONTACT INFORMATION

Please do not forget to verify your contact information and update us with any changes at http://www.dtsc.ca.gov/database/REA/locate_form.cfm. You may also update your contact information by submitting the registry update form, by calling (916) 324-6881, or by sending us an e-mail message, including updated contact information to REA_Mailbox@dtsc.ca.gov. Thank you for helping us to keep the registry up-to-date!

DEPARTMENT OF TOXIC SUBSTANCES CONTROL (DTSC)

Brownfields Database – EnviroStor: EnviroStor provides comprehensive site information including links to view final documents and additional information on specific investigation or cleanup areas within each site. For more information, please refer to the EnviroStor fact sheet.

Contact: Helpdesk at (916) 323-3400 or send an e-mail message to EnviroStor@dtsc.ca.gov.

Website: http://www.envirostor.dtsc.ca.gov.

California Take-It-Back Partnership: The Take-It-Back website provides convenient and safe ways for consumers to dispose of everyday hazardous wastes such as batteries, fluorescent lamps, and electronic devices.

Website: http://www.dtsc.ca.gov/HazardousWaste/UniversalWaste/TIB.cfm

Proposed Environmental Fee Regulations Workshop: Conducted by DTSC, the workshop is scheduled on November 28, 2006 at the Cal/EPA Headquarters Building in the Byron Sher Auditorium on the second floor (1001 I Street in Sacramento, CA 95814). The workshop is scheduled from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m., and is open to the public. DTSC is conducting this public workshop to discuss the proposed Environmental Fee Regulations, which are being developed as a result of the April 24, 2006 California Supreme Court ruling in the *Morning Star v. State Board of Equalization et al.* case.

Website: http://www.dtsc.ca.gov/LawsRegsPolicies/Regs/Environmental_Fees_regs.cfm

Webcast: www.calepa.ca.gov/broadcast

The **DTSC's Events Calendar** can be accessed by clicking on the link below and choosing an event type to find dates, times, and links to additional information on events.

Website: DTSC Calendar

CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY (CAL/EPA)

Enforcement Training: Cal/EPA's 14th Annual Environmental Cross Media Enforcement Symposium will be held **May 29, 2007 through June 1, 2007** in Napa, CA. The course objective is to provide a forum where participants can gain knowledge about advanced enforcement techniques.

Website: Cal/EPA Enforcement Training Home Page

Inspector Training Clearinghouse: The Cal/EPA Clearinghouse for Inspector Training provides a one-stop-shopping source for all kinds of information associated with environmental inspector training. Courses offered by both state and local agencies are represented.

Website: Cal/EPA Inspector Training Clearinghouse.

NEW Cal/EPA Environmental Complaint Form: If you have observed an activity, physical evidence of an activity, or have knowledge of what you think may be a possible illegal act or unauthorized release that caused harm or damage to California's public health or environment, Cal/EPA would like to know about it. Use the Environmental Complaint Form (in the link below) to file an environmental complaint with Cal/EPA.

Website: http://www.dtsc.ca.gov/database/CalEPA_Complaint/index.cfm

STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD (SWRCB) & REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARDS

Stormwater Prevention Program Training Course

Presented by Global Environmental Network Inc. and Associated General Contractors. Construction Water Pollution Control, 24 hour Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP) training—This training meets Caltrans Requirements for Construction Water Pollution Control Managers and SWPPP Preparers. Class: **December 4-6, 2006** in Santa Ana, CA.

Website: http://www.dot.ca.gov/hq/construc/stormwater/safetygenioct06.pdf

For information on upcoming SWRCB and RWQCB meetings and activities, visit the SWRCB's website below.

Website: http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/regions.html

AIR RESOURCES BOARD (ARB)

Air Pollution Seminar and Webcast: ARB held air pollution seminars and webcast presentations from leading scientists that focused on the health impacts of air pollution, personal exposure, emission sources, atmospheric formation, and innovative control technologies. The presentations are available by visiting the website below.

Website: Air Pollution Seminar Series.

For information on ARB classes, training, and workshop visit the ARB website below.

Website: http://www.arb.ca.gov/training/training.htm

AB 2628 Eligible Vehicles - Single Occupant Carpool Lane Use Stickers: California law allows single-occupant use of High Occupancy Vehicle (HOVs) lanes by certain alternative fuel, clean hybrid, and full-electric vehicles. Hybrid vehicles are currently limited to a maximum of 75,000 vehicles. An additional 10,000 vehicles will be permitted starting January 1, 2007.

Website: http://www.arb.ca.gov/msprog/carpool/carpool.htm

Conference: Economic Impact Modeling of Greenhouse Gas Emission Reduction Market and Non-Market Based Strategies: This conference will bring together modeling experts, members of industry, environmental groups, and government agencies who have an interest in the implementation of greenhouse gas policy in California. The conference will be held on November 29 in the Coastal Hearing Room on the second floor of the Cal/EPA Building located at 1001 I Street in Sacramento.

Website: http://www.arb.ca.gov/cc/112906conf/econ_conf.pdf

DEPARTMENT OF PESTICIDE REGULATION (DPR)

Director's Proposed Decision Concerning Sulfuryl Fluoride as a Toxic Air Contaminant: A public notice of the proposed decision concerning Director's response to the Scientific Review Panel's (SRP's) findings on sulfuryl fluoride as a toxic air contaminant. This response has been made in accordance with all authorities and requirements stipulated in the Food and Agricultural Code and California Code of Regulations that mandate this determination.

Website: Decision

To find out what's new with DPR, please visit the website below.

Website: What's New?

CALIFORNIA INTEGRATED WASTE MANAGEMENT BOARD (CIWMB)

Post-Closure Maintenance/Corrective Action & Financial Assurance Regulation Workshop: Sponsored by CIWMB Permitting and Enforcement Division, a discussion of proposed amendments to Title 27, CCR, post-closure maintenance and corrective action plan cost estimates and related financial assurance demonstrations. The workshop is scheduled on **November 27, 2006**, at the Cal/EPA Building in the Sierra Hearing Room, 2nd Floor, 1001 I Street, Sacramento, CA 95814. Time: 10 AM to 3:30 PM. Open to the public.

Contact: Richard Castle

Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Information: CIWMB provides links to local government HHW disposal and recycling program information by county.

Website: Local Government HHW Info

For information on CIWMB classes, training, and conferences visit the website below.

Website: http://www.ciwmb.ca.gov/leatraining/

OTHER EVENTS, NEWS, & TRAINING

The California Community Colleges Regional Environmental Business Resource Assistance Centers (REBRAC) specialize in serving business, public agencies, and manufacturers throughout the state of California.

Website: REBRAC Calendar

Hazardous Waste Management In California: The course will cover the following topics: waste identification; hazardous waste generator standards; container & tank standards; preparedness, prevention and training plans; transportation; onsite treatment; recycling in California; universal waste rule standards; pollution prevention and best environmental practices; SB14; and basic hazardous waste inspection. Instructor will be Nabil Yacoub. The course is scheduled for January 10, 2007, at 1830 W. Romneya Dr., Anaheim, CA 92801. Cost: \$75 per person; Time: 9:00 AM - 3:30 PM. To register for the class or for more information call Perla Fickenscher at (714) 808-4620 or Taffy Kennedy at (714) 808-4613.

Website: REBRAC Calendar

CALIFORNIA WASTE ASSOCIATION (CWA)

For more information, visit the CWA website below.

Website: California Waste Association

PRINCETON GROUNDWATER, INC.

The Remediation Course: The course is five days and is scheduled for March 19 – 23, 2007, in Las Vegas, Nevada.

National's Groundwater Association, The New Modflow Course: The course is four days and is scheduled for May 6 - 11, 2007 in Las Vegas, Nevada.

Website: Princeton Groundwater Course Calendar

UC DAVIS EXTENSION: UC Davis Extension offers Environmental Health and Safety and Environmental Management courses, such as Health and Safety Training for Hazardous Waste Workers, Clandestine Drug Lab Cleanup – a HAZWOPER Supplement, Toxic and Environmental Laws and Regulations, Environmental Management Systems – An Overview, Hazardous Materials Transportation, Environmental Planning and Site Analysis, and Dynamics of Risk Communication. For information on upcoming classes, please visit the website below.

Website: Program areas, UC Davis Extension

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Please click the link below and then search the Board for Geologists and Geophysicists (BGG) Directory of Licensees.

Website: California Board for Geologists and Geophysicists

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